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## COLUMBUS THEATRE WILL DONATE SUNDAY RECEIPTS

The entire receipts of the Columbus Theatre will be given to the Red Cross Sunday. The matter was suggested to Mr. Greenwood by one day evening by one of the committee composed of Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Parks and Mrs. McCullough. Mr. Greenwood expressed his sentiments as very glad to have the opportunity of making such an arrangement.

Sunday is the best day in the week financially for the show, and as the management has turned the day over to the Red Cross the receipts should be much larger than usual. The admission will be the usual price, but the citizens of Columbus should all pay \$1.00 each, and we are of the opinion that there will be a large number of dollar admissions.

The program for Sunday is a Greater Vitaphone production, and will be as good or better than the usual program. The show will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and will continue until after 10 o'clock at night. Let everybody in town come out and thus assist the most worthy cause they have ever had an opportunity to contribute to. Come in the afternoon in order that the house will be able to handle the crowds in the evening.

If the management of the theatre is interested enough in this work to donate at least \$100 the rest of Columbus should be interested enough to swell this amount to \$500 at the very least.

Those who are subject to the draft and those who have already given their service to their country should not be expected to go above the regular admission fee, but all who are not subject to military service should come across with a contribution. You may not be able to fight but you can help and by coming to this show and giving your dollar or what ever you can afford may save some man's life that is able to fight and in so doing you have done as much good as if you were to go to the trenches yourself. And possibly it will be your son or brother's life that you may save by your contribution.

There is no danger of giving too much, and Columbus wants to do her part. Let's have no slackers. If you can't get away to attend the show buy tickets anyway.

## LEAGUE WILL GIVE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Epworth League will give ice cream and home made cake at the church Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Music will be furnished by a military band. A silver offering will be taken to defray the expenses. Everyone invited.

## STATE GRAZING LANDS BRING FAIR PRICE

Twenty-three tracts of New Mexico state land, totaling 36,880 acres were sold at public auction at Raton Tuesday by land commissioner Robert P. Ervin, for a total of \$250,000, an average of \$6.42 an acre. The land is located chiefly in the southeastern corner of Colfax county, in the Springer district. Some of it is regarded as good agricultural land, but the greater part is grazing. The land commissioner is conducting other sales this week in Mora, San Miguel and Santa Fe counties.

Mrs. L. J. Pouch and Mrs. Clara Yarbrough were visitors to Deming Wednesday.

For sale: One restaurant range and one gasoline range, all kinds of household and kitchen furniture.—Bob Plack.

## JURY CONVICTS MRS. GREEN ON BOOZE CHARGE

Mrs. M. L. Green was tried Wednesday on a charge of allowing a pint of booze sold in her place of business Tuesday night. Arnold E. O'Connor was fined \$100 and given ninety days in the cooler for selling the pint, and then the complaint was made against Mrs. Green for allowing the stuff sold in the place. She had her attorney Fred Sherman of Deming. The jury was composed of G. E. Jack, foreman, D. M. Reed, Frank Wallace, Harry Dean, Edwin Dean, and Albert J. Wild.

The jury was out about two hours before returning the verdict of guilty. The judge sentenced her to ninety days in the county jail and fined her \$100. She gave notice of an appeal through her attorney, and executed an appeal bond of \$100.

A. D. Frost, plead guilty to a complaint of assault and battery on the person of Alberto Nova, and was fined \$5 and costs.

James Garret was operating a jitney bus without a state license and paid the state \$25 in addition to the court costs.

Every member of the Red Cross is under obligations to Uncle Sam to get as many subscriptions to the Red Cross fund as possible. Let Columbus make a showing.

Mrs. J. L. Greenwood left Wednesday for Rochester, Minnesota, where she will undergo medical treatment and will probably be away for several months.

Sam Havel departed Wednesday for an extended business and pleasure trip to New York.

Mrs. Roy Johnson returned home last Saturday with her little son which was born while she was at the home of her mother in Deming. Mrs. Johnson had been away several weeks.

## POLITICS FAILED—ARIZONA GETS NO CANTONEMENT

From Washington it is intimated that failure to get a guard camp in Arizona is due to dissension, each of the representatives in congress favoring his home town. Senator Ashurst favored Prescott, Senator Smith Tucson and representative Hayden wanted the camp to be at Phoenix. It is reported that the army board favored Tucson or Douglas. What was the idea in sending out the army board anyway, is something that should be explained. Information to the effect that politics would have no bearing in the locating of these camps was sent out from Washington when the plans were first made, but it develops that politics is the only thing that does have any bearing, excluding the army board that was sent around to view the camp sites with the belief that much was depending upon them. It is very plain now why Columbus was left out.

## LOCKED TRUNK WAS A BARGAIN, CLAIMED

Mrs. Anna E. Wright, purchaser of a locked trunk sold here by the justice of the peace last week, states that the contents of the trunk were a bargain at the price—\$60. There was quite a collection of jewelry in which is included a diamond ring and in addition there was a \$150 set of furs which had been purchased by Pancho Villa. Mrs. Wright estimated the value of the trunk at about \$300. She had received a tip about the furs and took a chance on them still being in the trunk.

## HOOVER WILL LOCATE IN CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

W. C. Hoover loaded his household goods this week and departed for Clovis, New Mexico, where he expects to reside in future. Mr. Hoover and his family will be missed by this community, in which they have resided for the past five years.

The Hoover hotel and insurance business has been turned over to a brother of W. C. A. J. Hoover, who will manage same in the future.

It is very possible that the Hoover family will decide to again reside in Columbus. None of their property was offered for sale, and is still kept by them. Mr. Hoover owns in addition to the hotel and his residence 320 acres of valley lands.

## NO MORE RED LIGHT DISTRICTS

Restricted districts around soldier camps are about a thing of the past. There was a time when this was considered a necessary evil by many of the army officers but that day is passed. The portion of Columbus which was always so designated is no more, and the houses are being rented to people for dwellings. This is a reformation that will naturally follow prohibition, and the fact that both have been adopted by the army means that within the next few years our national legislature will be called upon to adopt a law which will abolish the legal sale of all intoxicating liquors and restricted districts.

## BOYS OF BASE HOSPITAL GIVING A BENEFIT DANCE

A dance will be given at the chamber of commerce hall Saturday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross in which everybody is invited. Tickets are now on sale in town and throughout the camp and it is hoped to raise at least \$500 for the Red Cross in addition to showing everyone a dollars worth of good time.

The Hospital Corps is composed of both white and colored troops and the colored men of the corps are also giving a dance at a hall in the camp on the same evening.

## OFFICERS AND MEN OFFERED USE OF DANCE HALL

Through the commanding officer, Colonel H. G. Nicksel, the directors of the Chamber of Commerce offered the officers and men stationed here the use of the hall for dancing or any purpose they wished at any time when the same is not in use. The only thing required of them is to let Mr. J. R. Blair know on what date they desire it.

Since the new floor was put in it is an ideal place for dancing, and as the people of the community have paid for the building it is available for any use the public may wish to put it to, and it is desired that the men of the camp feel that it is just as much theirs as ours, and they are welcome to use it at any time.

## POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR HERE

Postoffice Inspector Blake from Albuquerque is here changing this office into the second class, which will be effective July 1st. Under the regulations the clerks in a second class office are only required to work eight hours and it will be necessary to keep the office open eleven hours. It will be necessary without a doubt to put on more clerks in order to handle the work.

Parties hunting for game in this section are warned that the season is closed on all kinds of game that is protected by law at any time. Violations will be rigidly prosecuted.

## LOCAL RED CROSS ORGANIZATION GAVE DANCE

The Finance Committee of the local Red Cross association gave a most enjoyable dance at the Chamber of Commerce building Tuesday evening. The affair was an invitation one for the purpose of raising funds for the Red Cross, and was attended by many of the townspeople as well as a number of the officers and their wives from both the 12th Cavalry and 24th Infantry regiments stationed here. About \$50 was realized. The 24th Infantry band was donated for the occasion. This was the first time this band had been heard for a local affair and the music made by our colored boys was highly enjoyed by all.

The committee arranging the affair was composed of Mrs. J. J. Clark, Mrs. J. R. Blair and Mrs. Callen. Punch was served during the evening. Everyone reports a pleasant time.

## RED CROSS NEEDS \$100,000.000 DURING WAR

The Red Cross War Council wants one hundred million dollars for military and civilian relief at home and abroad during the present war.

President Wilson, in a formal proclamation, set aside the week from June 18th to 25th as Red Cross Week, and has made a strong appeal to the nation to rally to this call and, with practical patriotism, furnish the means by which this single, experienced organization, recognized by law and international convention as the public instrumentality for this purpose, may carry on its tremendous task.

That the huge sum will be raised without difficulty seems assured. Of the hundred million, the west is asked to raise \$15,000,000, and those in charge of the campaign are confident that the end of the Red Cross week will see the entire sum subscribed.

## OFFERED CAPTAINCY IN NATIONAL GUARD

Thomas G. Lackland, who made application for permission to attend the first training camp for officers but failed to gain admission because the required number had been obtained, has been offered the captaincy of a troop of cavalry of the national guard of the District of Columbia, with a request that he report at once. Tom, although he failed to make the first enrollment, has already made application to attend the second camp through the examining officer at Santa Fe, and thinks perhaps he may be able to meet the requirements and get in on the second batch to be trained.

Right now he does not know whether to take the Washington offer or to wait and take his chances on making the second camp. It's a cinch Tom will be in some outfit somewhere as he is bound to be in the war, even if it is but a "stable police." Lackland has already served as a private, corporal, sergeant and second lieutenant of the District national guard, and as priv. epl. sgt. 1st gd. and sgt. major in the 12th cavalry, serving for six years in the regular organization. In addition to this service in the army he was the first civilian to volunteer as scout with the Mexican expedition after Villa. The offer is from General Harvey in command of the guard force of D. C.

## THE FOLLOWING NAMED MEN HAVE ENLISTED WITHIN THE LAST WEEK HERE IN THE QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT

The following named men have enlisted within the last week here in the Quartermaster Regiment: Jas. R. Billings, E. C. Gregory, W. Sharp, E. J. Wambridge, and Elias Luck.

## COMMISSIONERS APPROPRIATE \$500 FOR MOUNTAIN ROAD

J. F. White, Mayor R. W. Elliott and J. R. Blair went up to Deming Tuesday for the purpose of conferring with the commissioners in regard to an appropriation for finishing the work started on the road to the mines in the Tres Hermanas.

Commissioner Nordhaus, after being informed that \$500 had already been put up by Columbus and that we had also agreed to give an additional \$500 if the board would give a similar sum, expressed his willingness to come across with the amount asked for, stating that no other section of the county was much interested in road building to put up their own money, and that we were and should be encouraged.

James Phillips, commissioner from the third district, opposed the appropriation, and had to be shown before he would agree, but he also finally came across.

To date \$500 have been spent on the road, and the worst part has been put in pretty fair condition. With the conservative expenditure of the remaining \$1,000 now available, this highway can be put in first class shape from the mines to town.

C. B. Sampson of the state road board and county road engineer Almy were in town Monday and Mr. Sampson was taken over the proposed mountain road again and was shown the progress made to date. He seemed to think that an additional \$1,000 should put the highway in first class condition and was present at the meeting held with the board in Deming Tuesday, and possibly his influence help in getting the appropriation.

The first \$500 put up for the work was exhausted Tuesday, and at a meeting of some of the citizens it was decided to advance another small amount to complete the work to the top of the mountain, and it was also decided to send White, Elliott and Blair to Deming to try to get the county to make the \$500 appropriation.

## POSTMASTER BURKHEAD BELIEVES IN BEANS

L. L. Burkhead is among the Columbians who are for a greater food production, having finished planting a hundred acre tract in beans. The postmaster's homestead is about twelve miles north of town on the slope of the Florida mountains, and he has grown two good crops heretofore without irrigation and believes this land will also grow beans without supplementing the natural rainfall.

J. L. Greenwood was in El Paso Wednesday on business.

W. L. Hobbs is building himself a nice residence in the Rice addition near the home of T. A. Hulsey. Mr. Hulsey is building himself a real estate office between the hardware store of N. B. Hampton and the Moody grocery.

## HOSPITAL CORPS MAN SHOWS SOME SPEED

Willie Seibert of the Hospital Corps won one of the best boxing bouts that has been seen here for a long time when he met Kid Ford, the iron man of the 24th Infantry, in a six round go at the Crystal Theatre Tuesday evening. Seibert was there with the goods from the first to the last gang, and Ford showed wonderful ability to take punishment, and was considered by the fans to be one of the gamest men ever seen in the ring.

McDaniels of the 24th defeated Corporal Wilson of the 12th Cav-

## THRALL HAS CHANCE TO GO TO FRANCE

C. E. Thrall, who at present is an employee in the Quartermaster department of the army here, received a letter from the second postmaster general this week offering him an opportunity to go to France soon as an employee of the U. S. Postal department. Mr. Thrall has taken an examination for an appointment as captain in the Quartermaster department of the army, and will wait a few days on the outcome of his examination before replying to the postoffice department. Without a doubt he will go to France, but whether as an officer of the U. S. Army or an employee of the Postoffice department is yet to be determined.

Mr. Thrall has been in Columbus for the past year and a half during several several months of this time having been employed in the local postoffice as money order clerk. He is held in high esteem by his many friends here, who wish him success in the European war zone, whatever his status may be.

Wily in one round of a scheduled six pound bout, Wilson slightly sprained his wrist and refused to come out at the second bell.

Kid Jones of Fresno lost a four round fight to Young Fletcher of the 24th Infantry, a good little scrapper of Company M.

Rufus Williams, welterweight champion of the army, won in the second round of a scheduled ten round bout from Jack White of Gluecap. White did not appear to have ever been in the ring before. He was awkward and unable to land on Williams with any force. Williams seemed to be able to hit whenever and wherever he wished, and no doubt would have won via the knockout route in a round or two and White seemed to see as much coming and deliberately made a swing for the groin of his opponent. Thomas G. Lackland, the referee, saw the foul and stopped the fight, giving Williams the decision.

The Crystal was packed and there were no disturbances of any kind, and every one present was more than pleased with the performance until the unruly for event took place ending the main event. People who go to see fights want and expect to see scientific boxing, and do not care to see the rough house stuff. They like to see clean scraps and the man who wins is awarded the decision regardless of any preferences. No doubt a large per cent of the people at this fight would have been glad to have seen White win from Williams, but after pulling the stunt he did he was held in contempt by nearly everybody in the house. Such men do not deserve any consideration from promoters, and, in fact, should be barred from the game.

Boxing matches furnish amusement for the soldiers as well as others, and the writer believes that clean boxing should be encouraged. As a general rule matches between the soldiers are according to the rules of the game, but a man like White will occasionally break in and after seeing he has no chance to win and is fighting a losing game, instead of quitting like a man, will stoop to tactics that not only take out interest but if permitted to continue will stop boxing matches entirely. And it is a pleasure to state here that White has no connection with the army.

A boxing event is planned for July 5th, and it is hoped that the promoters will put on men out of the troops here, or select men with reputations to sustain men who will be men—and put up a clean scrap.